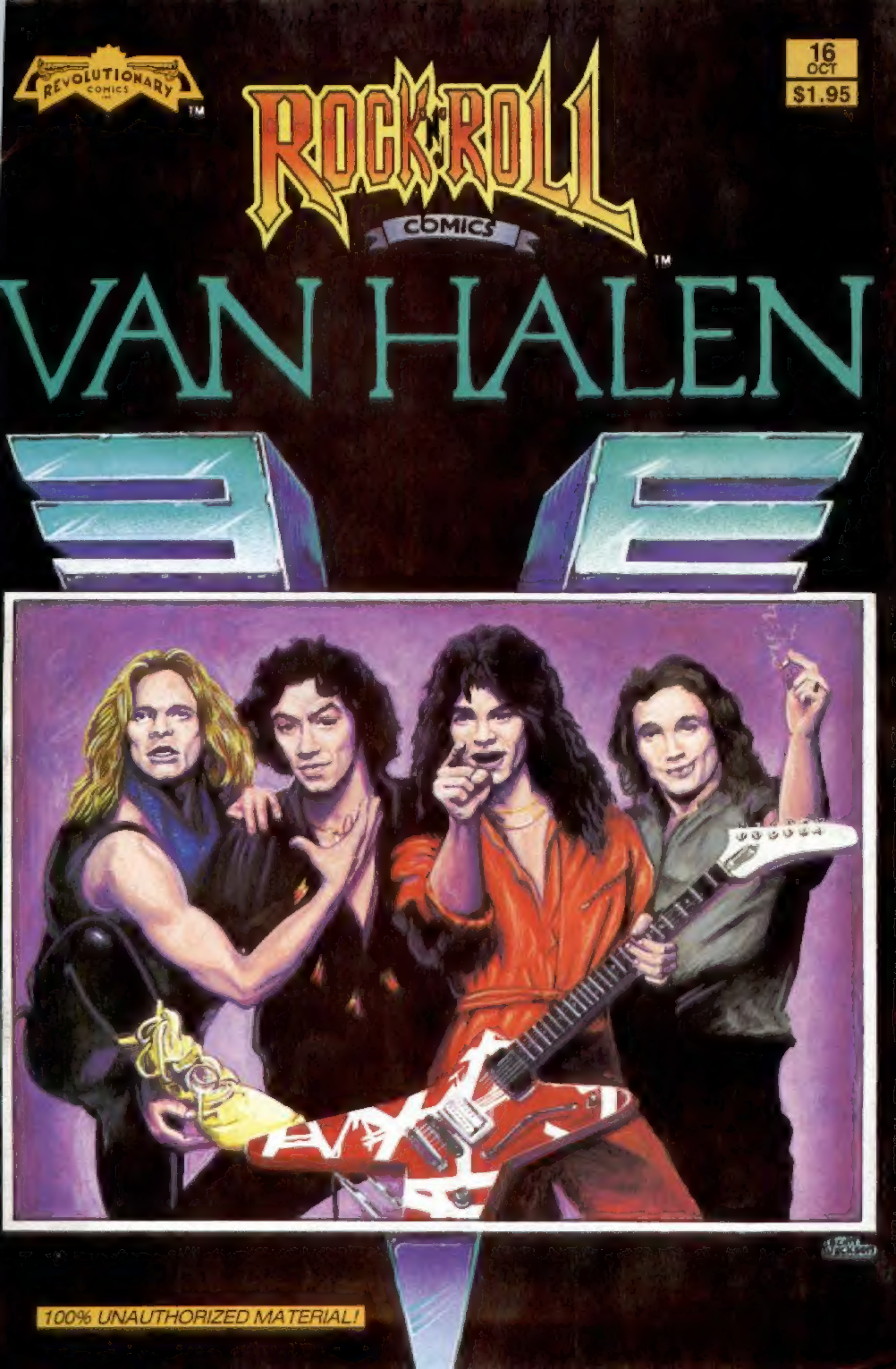
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By Todd Loren

RNR COMICS GOES 2x MONTHLY

Starting in November (issue #19), Rock N' Roll Comics will come out TWICE A MONTH! That's right, TWO brand new, full color issues of Rock N' Roll Comics each and every month. As for Rock N' Roll Comics Magazine, that will be strictly a reprint book. The first five issues might have stuff that wasn't originally presented in the comic book, but after that, if you buy the comic book, you'll never have to buy the magazine to get stuff that wasn't in the comic book.

ENCYCLOPEDIA METALLICA

That's the title of Rock N' Roll Comics Annual #1, shipping in October. It'll reprint all of the best METAL biographies from RNR Comics, in full color, and in magazine size! A very classy x-mas gift for any metal head you know!

THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK *HATE* BOOK

Also available in October, you asked for it, you got it! We are sick of being NICE! In fact we are sick of ALL the stuff we see being printed about the New Kids- how cute they are, how successful they are, how popular they are, how many albums they've sold, isn't it about time the people who really HATE the New Kids had something written for THEM? Maybe the publishers out there are afraid of being sued. Well, that's one thing we don't have to worry about, we're ALREADY being sued, so we might as well TELL IT LIKE IT IS!!!

STICK IT, BOY!

We know a lot of y'all go into comic book stores, pick up Rock N' Roll Comics, and leave. That's cool, there's really a lot of crap to wade through, so how do you know which stuff is good? Comic book stores are no different from life in general- the good stuff is there, you just have to FIND IT! And finding it is not always easy, since there are literally hundreds of different comic books being printed every month! Well, I've been a comic book fan since 1969 (I was 9 years old, that makes me 30 now, okay?). I went through all the phases: The Archie/ Richie Rich phase, the Mad/National Lampoon phase, the Horror phase, the Marvel phase, the DC phase, the underground phase, and finally the I QUIT phase. If you're not looking for escapism, but for something which will actually broaden your horizons, and maybe MAKE YOU THINK about life, death, the universe, other universes, etc., without boring the hell out of you in the process, then allow me to save you a lot of time and money wading through the garbage, and direct you right to the very best comic book being published today: STICKBOY by Dennis Worden. In fact, I liked it so much, I bought the rights to publish it! The first three issues are hard to find, but the fourth issue will be coming out in November, and it'll be the first full color issue, so reserve your copy now!!!

ARTISTS, WRITERS WANTED!

In case you haven't noticed, I've been doing a large portion of the writing for RNR Comics myself. And I love it. It's the most fun I've ever had! But I can't do it all myself. I need some help. If you are well versed in Rock N' Roll, and are familiar with comics, why not send in a submission? A 4-5 page mini-bio script would give us a good idea of what you can do. And don't worry about research material, and references, we've got 'em! Artists, we need to see if you can create likenesses of rock stars. Show us a page of sequential art with your favorite rock star, if you can letter, SHOW US, if you can ink, SHOW US!

COMING UP...ROCK N' ROLL COMICS

Madonna, (with Paula Abdul mini-bio), Alic-Cooper (with Ratt, mini bio), Public Enemy (with 2 Live Crew, Ice T mini bios), Queensryche. (Your requests have been heard!)

COMING UP...ROCK N' ROLL COMICS MAGAZINE

Here's the whole run-down on the series: #1-Kiss (new satire: "Piss", plus new pin-ups), #2-New Kids On The Block (new mini-bio on the Jackson Five), #3-Guns N' Roses (available in August, new L.A. Guns mini-bio, plus pin-ups), #4-Metallica (new Motorhead story, plus hilarious Megadeth sendup), #5-Aerosmith, #6-Poison, #7-Madonna. We'll have a mini-bio index for you soon, so you can keep track of them. See Rock N' Roll Comics #1, seventh printing for a complete RNR Comics index.

WRITE-WE LOVE YOUR LETTERS!

519 University, #103, SD, CA 92103. Peace.

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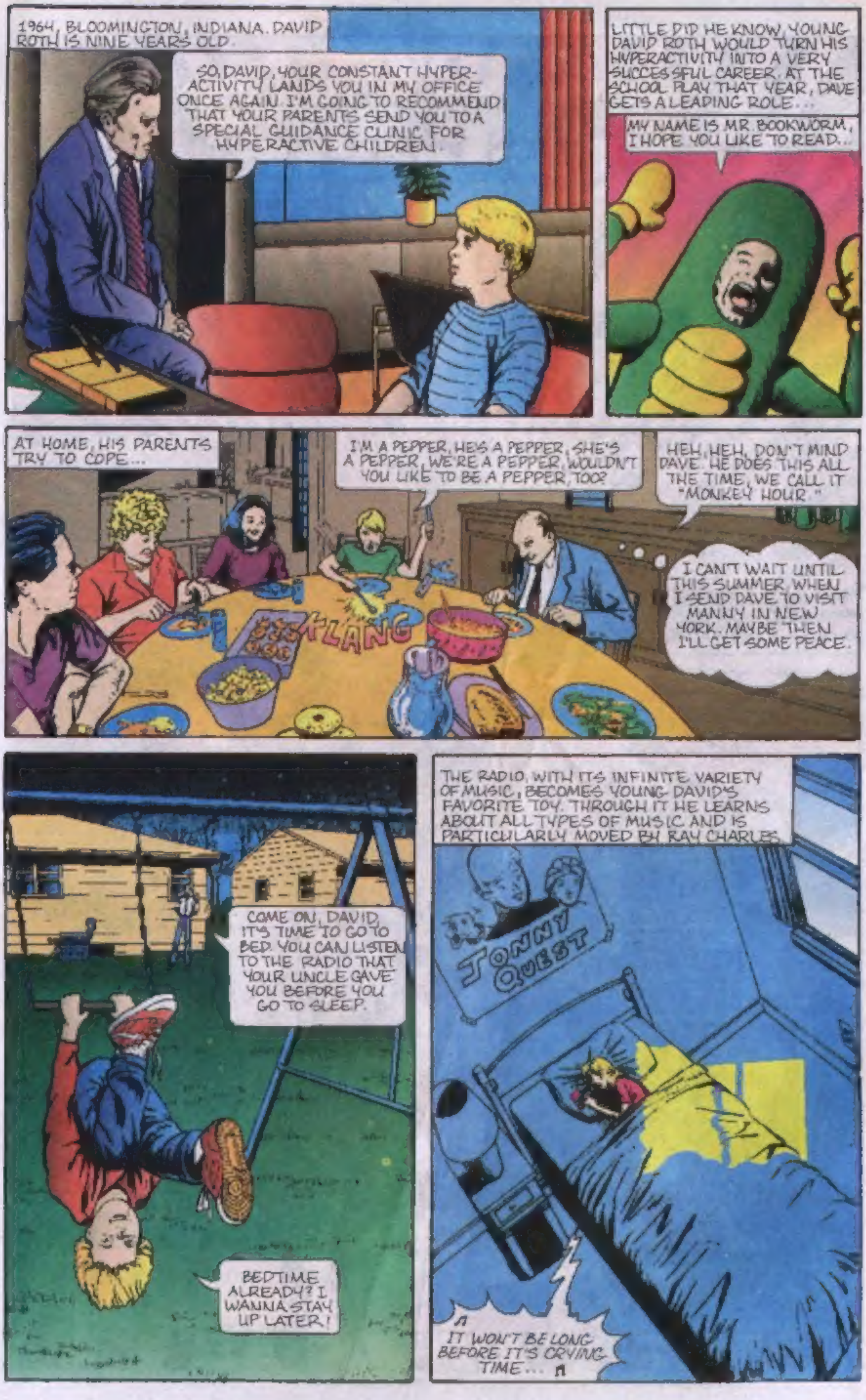
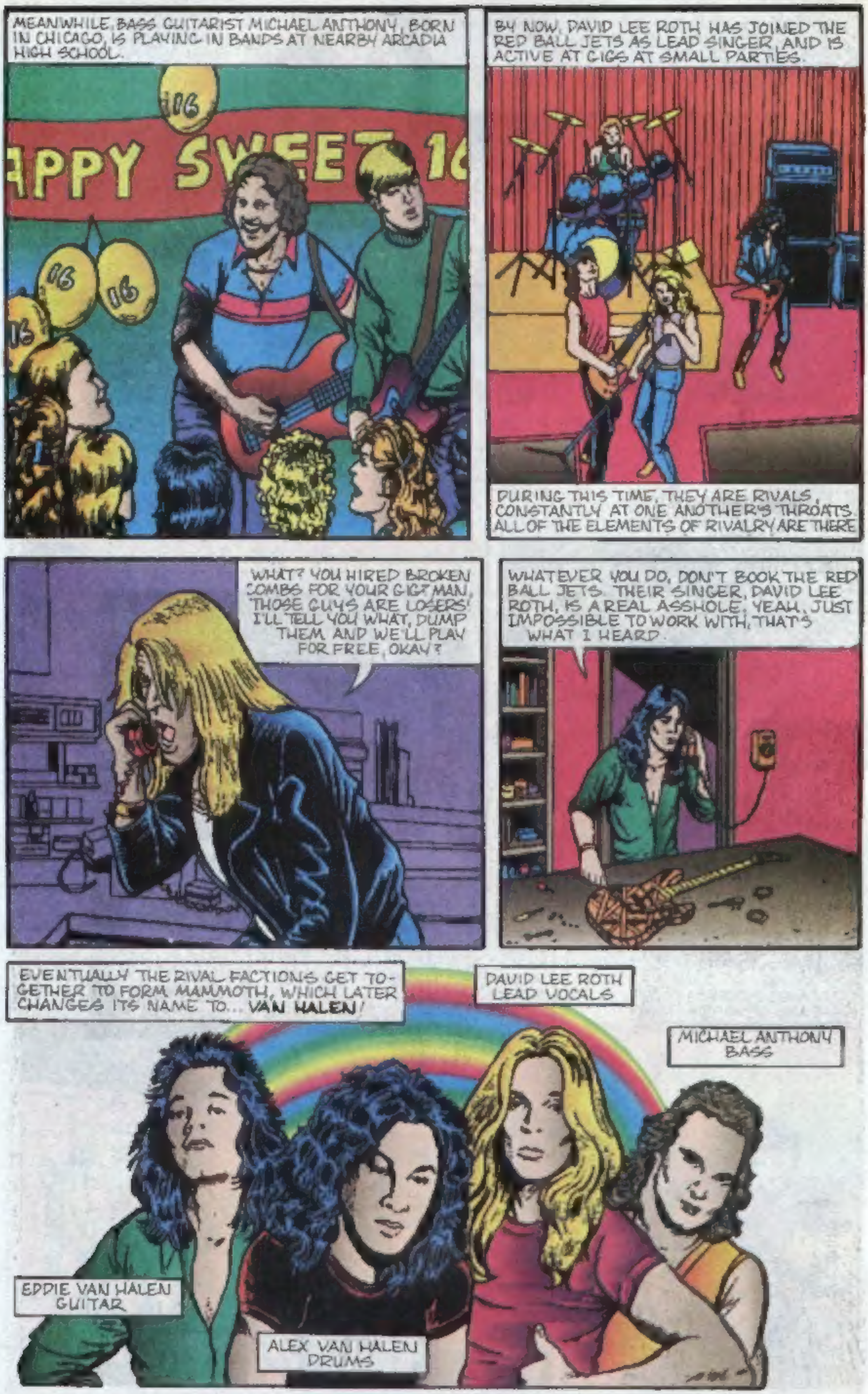
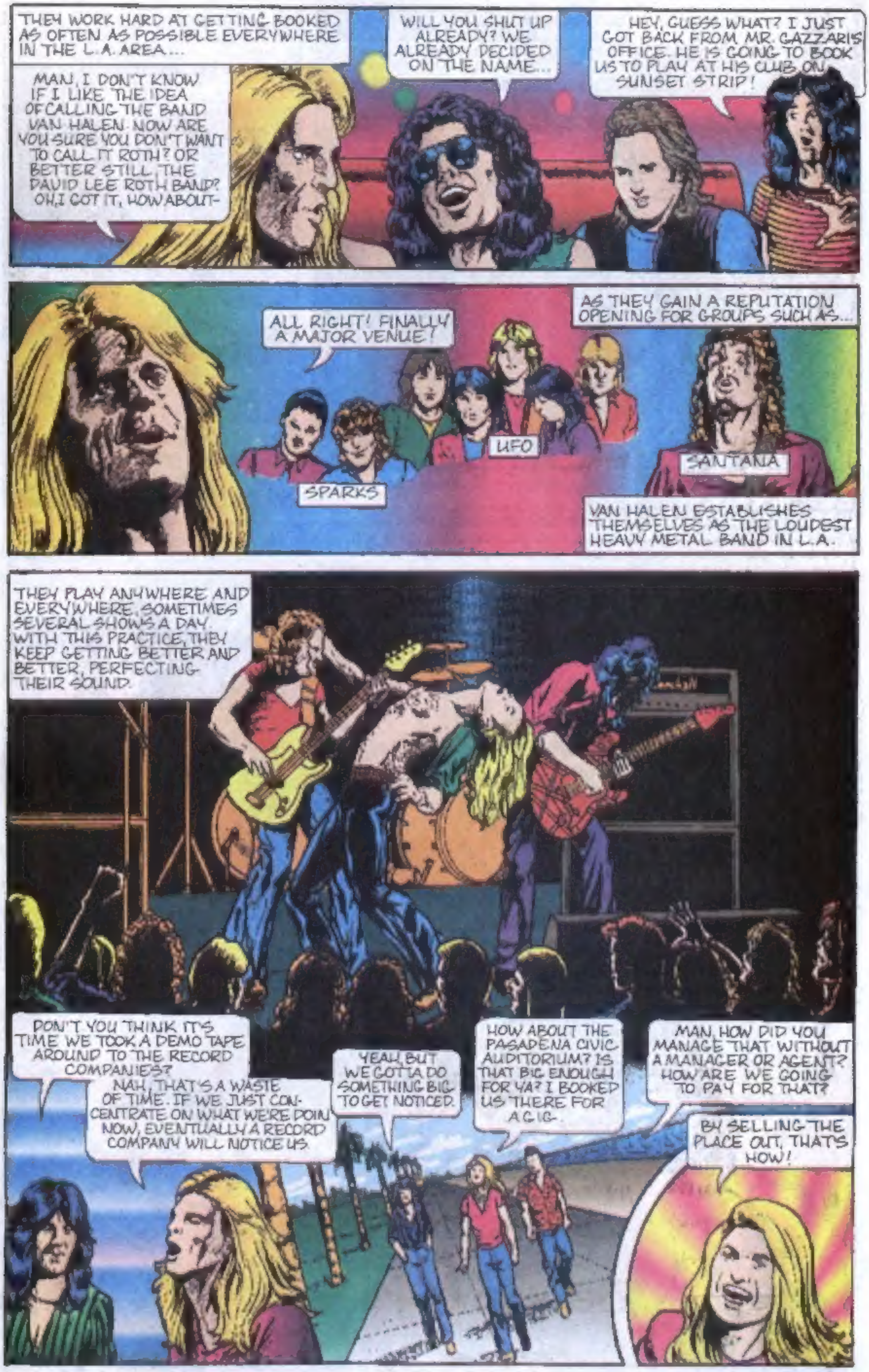
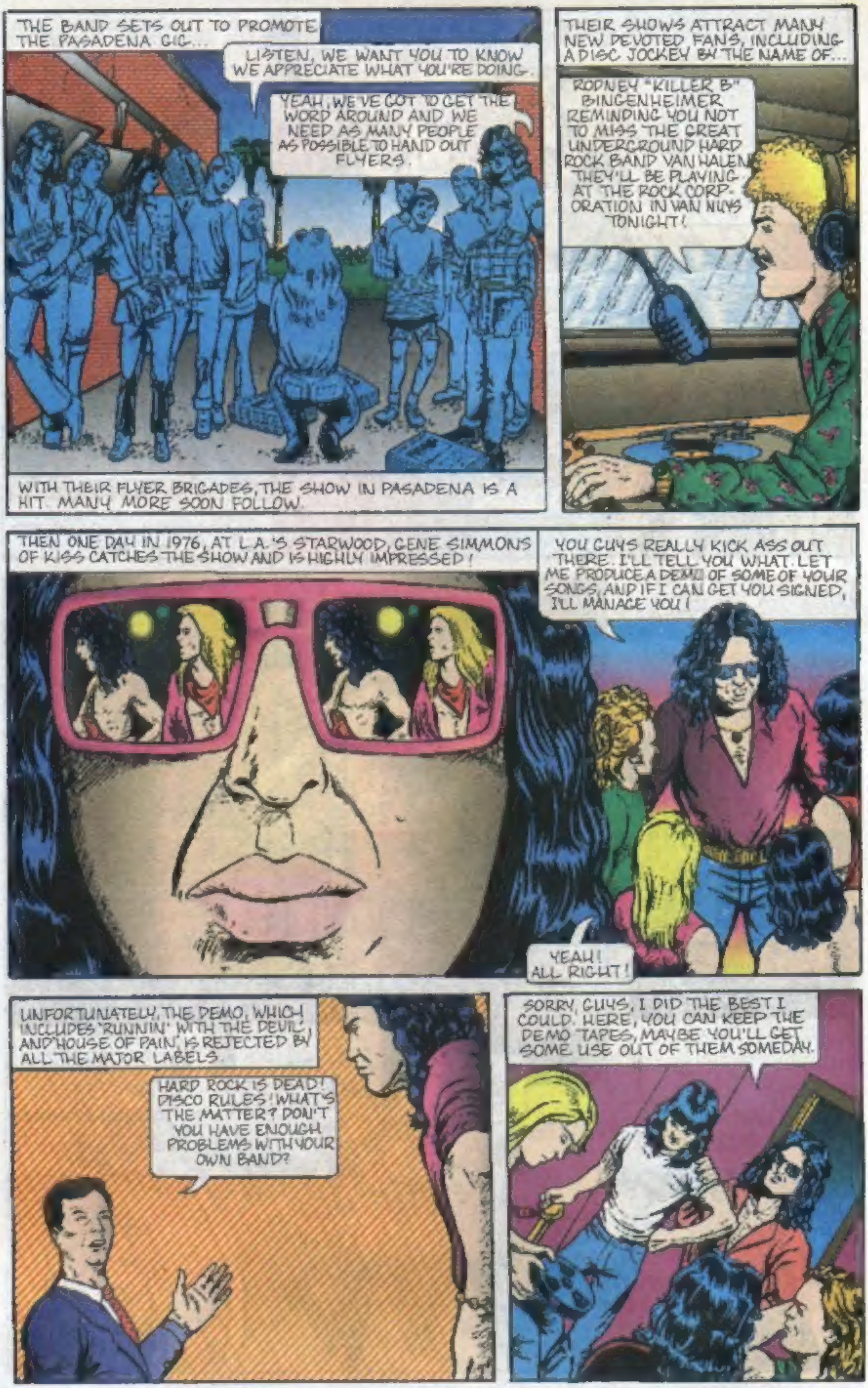

1964, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA. DAVID ROTH IS NINE YEARS OLD.
SO, DAVID, YOUR CONSTANT HYPER-ACTIVITY LANDS YOU IN MY OFFICE ONCE AGAIN. I'M GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT YOUR PARENTS SEND YOU TO A SPECIAL GUIDANCE CLINIC FOR HYPERACTIVE CHILDREN.
LITTLE DID HE KNOW, YOUNG DAVID ROTH WOULD TURN HIS HYPERACTIVITY INTO A VERY SUCCESSFUL CAREER. AT THE SCHOOL PLAY THAT YEAR, DAVE GETS A LEADING ROLE...
MY NAME IS MR. BOOKWORM, I HOPE YOU LIKE TO READ...
AT HOME, HIS PARENTS TRY TO COPE...
I'M A PEPPER, HE'S A PEPPER, SHE'S A PEPPER, WE'RE A PEPPER, WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE A PEPPER, TOO?
HEH, HEH, DON'T MIND DAVE. HE DOES THIS ALL THE TIME, WE CALL IT "MONKEY HOUR."
KLANG
I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THIS SUMMER, WHEN I SEND DAVE TO VISIT MANNY IN NEW YORK. MAYBE THEN I'LL GET SOME PEACE.
COME ON, DAVID, IT'S TIME TO GO TO BED. YOU CAN LISTEN TO THE RADIO THAT YOUR UNCLE GAVE YOU BEFORE YOU GO TO SLEEP.
BEDTIME ALREADY? I WANNA STAY UP LATER!
THE RADIO, WITH ITS INFINITE VARIETY OF MUSIC, BECOMES YOUNG DAVID'S FAVORITE TOY. THROUGH IT HE LEARNS ABOUT ALL TYPES OF MUSIC AND IS PARTICULARLY MOVED BY RAY CHARLES.
JONNY QUEST
♪ IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE IT'S CRYING TIME... ♪

LATER THAT YEAR, DAVID IS SENT TO NEW YORK TO VISIT HIS UNCLE MANNY. THIS WAS A PROVING GROUND FOR MANY EMERGING ACTS. DAVE WOULD SIT IN THE BACK OF THE CAFE AND SEE LEGENDARY TALENTS SUCH AS JIMI HENDRIX AND CREAM.
THE DIVERSE ARRAY OF TALENT WOULD LATER HELP DAVE AS A PERFORMER TO ADAPT AND EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT MUSICAL STYLES
ISLEY BROTHERS
BILL COSBY
CREAM
QUINCY JONES
AROUND THIS SAME TIME, THE VAN HALEN FAMILY IS IN HOLLAND, IN THE CITY KNOWN AS NIJMEGEN, ONLY FIVE MILES WEST OF THE WEST GERMAN BORDER. TWO BROTHERS, ALEX, 10, AND EDWARD, 8, ARE TAKING PIANO LESSONS.
IT IS AN UNLIKELY SETTING FOR WHAT WILL BECOME THE NUCLEUS OF A GROUND-BREAKING HARD ROCK PHENOMENON.
IN 1968 THE FAMILY MOVES TO PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. ALWAYS A TIGHT-KNIT FAMILY UNIT, THE MOVE STRENGTHENS THIS BOND, AS THEY MUST ALL START OVER AGAIN TOGETHER IN STRANGE NEW SURROUNDINGS.
Ralphs
ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, ALEX AND EDDIE TAKE UP ROCK INSTRUMENTS WITH ALEX PICKING UP GUITAR AND EDDIE GOING FOR DRUMS.
EVENTUALLY THEY SWITCH. ALEX BECOMES A DRUMMER, AND EDDIE BECOMES A GIFTED GUITARIST.
YEAH, THIS IS MORE MY STYLE!
THE VAN HALEN BROTHERS, TOGETHER WITH SOME HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS, FORM A BAND: THE BROKEN COMBS.


MEANWHILE, BASS GUITARIST MICHAEL ANTHONY, BORN IN CHICAGO, IS PLAYING IN BANDS AT NEARBY ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL.
APPY SWEET 16
BY NOW, DAVID LEE ROTH HAS JOINED THE RED BALL JETS AS LEAD SINGER, AND IS ACTIVE AT GIGS AT SMALL PARTIES.
DURING THIS TIME, THEY ARE RIVALS, CONSTANTLY AT ONE ANOTHER'S THROATS. ALL OF THE ELEMENTS OF RIVALRY ARE THERE
WHAT? YOU HIRED BROKEN COMBS FOR YOUR GIG? MAN, THOSE GUYS ARE LOSERS! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, DUMP THEM AND WE'LL PLAY FOR FREE, OKAY?
WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T BOOK THE RED BALL JETS. THEIR SINGER, DAVID LEE ROTH, IS A REAL ASSHOLE. YEAH, JUST IMPOSSIBLE TO WORK WITH, THAT'S WHAT I HEARD.
EVENTUALLY THE RIVAL FACTIONS GET TOGETHER TO FORM MAMMOTH, WHICH LATER CHANGES ITS NAME TO... **VAN HALEN**!
DAVID LEE ROTH LEAD VOCALS
MICHAEL ANTHONY BASS
EDDIE VAN HALEN GUITAR
ALEX VAN HALEN DRUMS

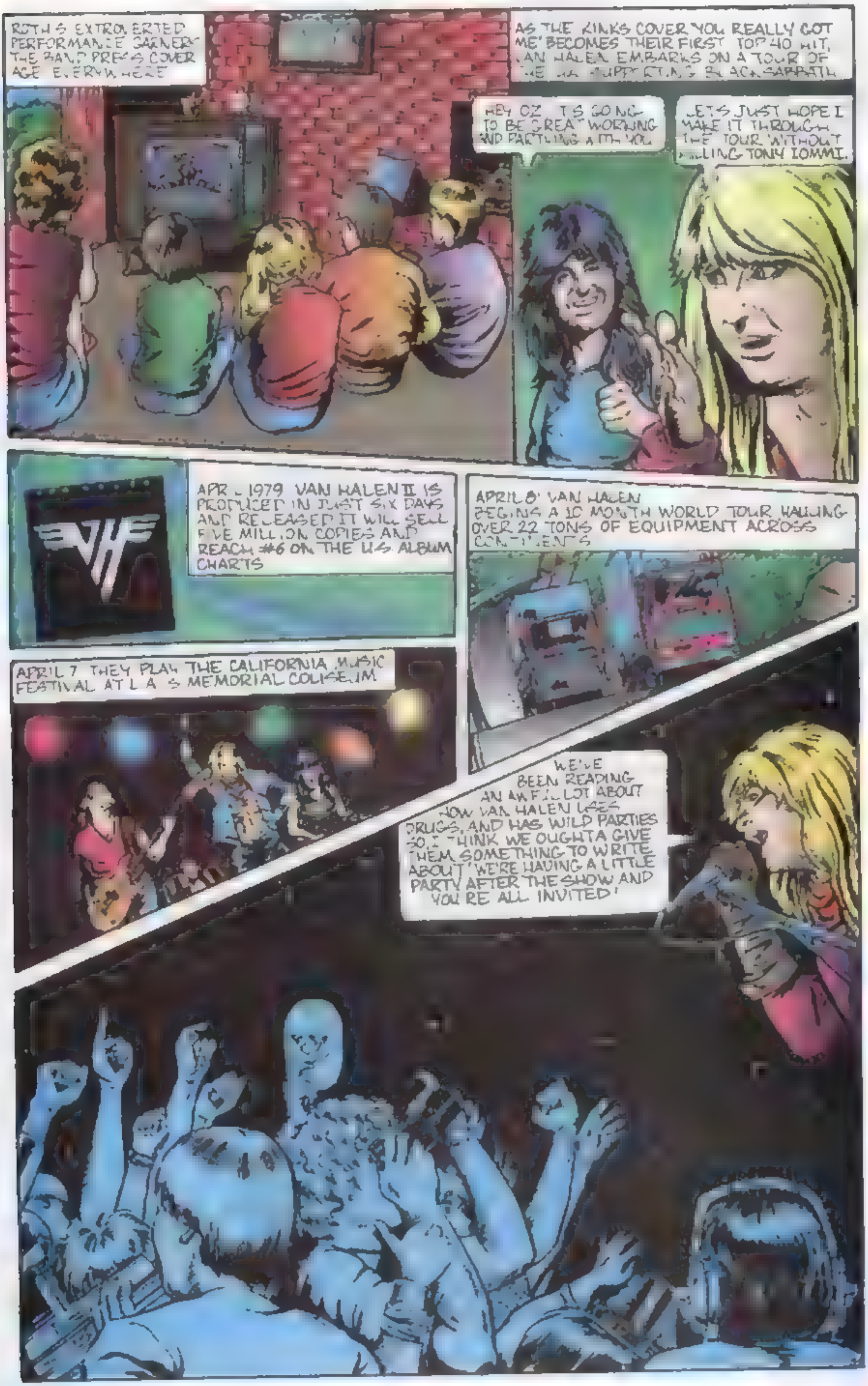


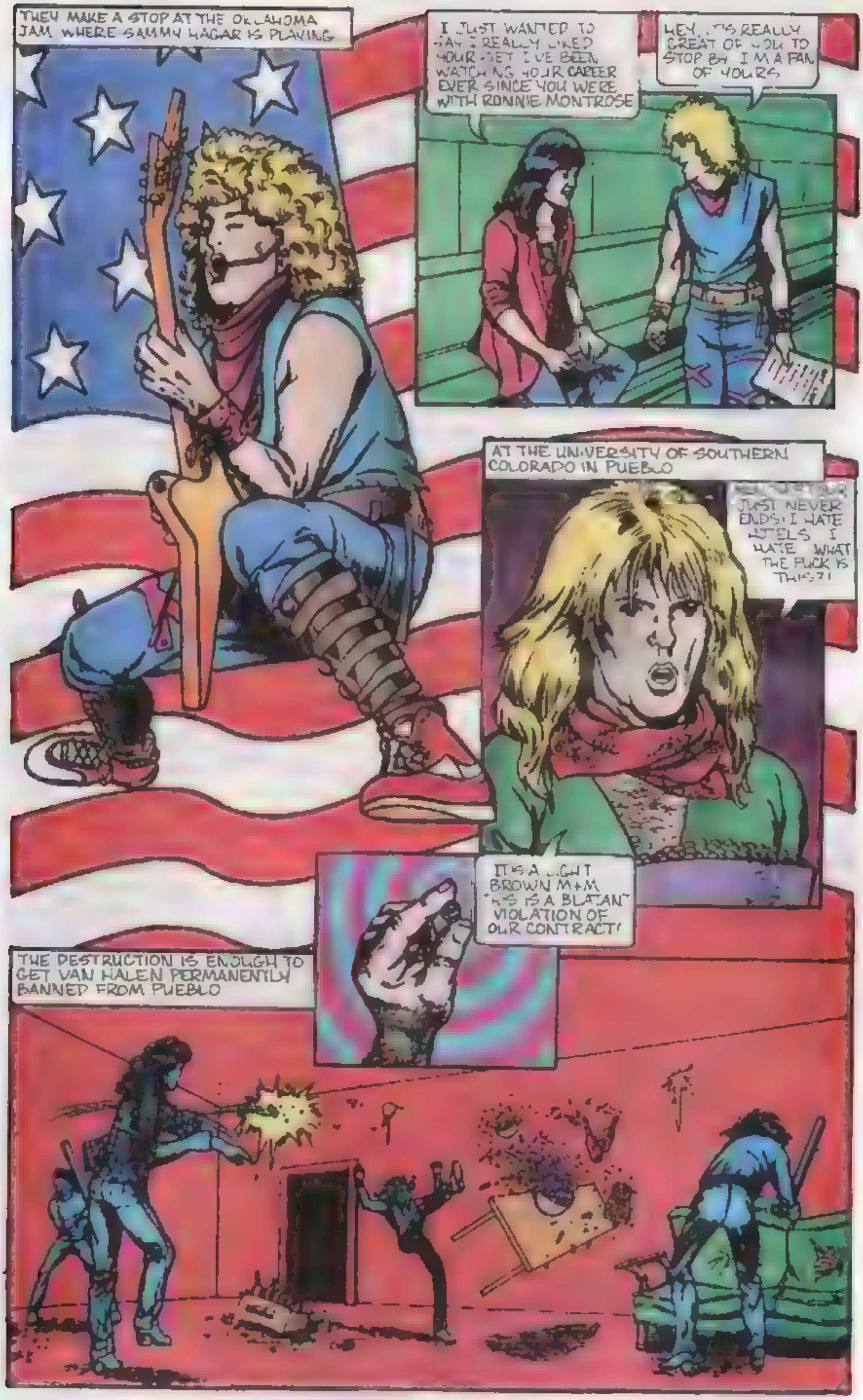
THEY WORK HARD AT GETTING BOOKED AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE EVERYWHERE IN THE L.A. AREA...
MAN, I DON'T KNOW IF I LIKE THE IDEA OF CALLING THE BAND VAN HALEN. NOW ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO CALL IT ROTH? OR BETTER STILL, THE DAVID LEE ROTH BAND? OH, I GOT IT, HOW ABOUT-
WILL YOU SHUT UP ALREADY? WE ALREADY DECIDED ON THE NAME...
HEY, GUESS WHAT? I JUST GOT BACK FROM MR. GAZZARI'S OFFICE. HE IS GOING TO BOOK US TO PLAY AT HIS CLUB ON SUNSET STRIP!
ALL RIGHT! FINALLY A MAJOR VENUE!
AS THEY GAIN A REPUTATION OPENING FOR GROUPS SUCH AS...
SPARKS
UFO
SANTANA
VAN HALEN ESTABLISHES THEMSELVES AS THE LOUDEST HEAVY METAL BAND IN L.A.
THEY PLAY ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE, SOMETIMES SEVERAL SHOWS A DAY. WITH THIS PRACTICE, THEY KEEP GETTING BETTER AND BETTER, PERFECTING THEIR SOUND.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME WE TOOK A DEMO TAPE AROUND TO THE RECORD COMPANIES?
NAH, THAT'S A WASTE OF TIME. IF WE JUST CONCENTRATE ON WHAT WE'RE DOIN NOW, EVENTUALLY A RECORD COMPANY WILL NOTICE US.
YEAH, BUT WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING BIG TO GET NOTICED.
HOW ABOUT THE PASADENA CIVIC AUDITORIUM? IS THAT BIG ENOUGH FOR YA? I BOOKED US THERE FOR A GIG.
MAN, HOW DID YOU MANAGE THAT WITHOUT A MANAGER OR AGENT? HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR THAT?
BY SELLING THE PLACE OUT, THAT'S HOW!


THE BAND SETS OUT TO PROMOTE THE PASADENA GIG...
LISTEN, WE WANT YOU TO KNOW WE APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
YEAH, WE'VE GOT TO GET THE WORD AROUND AND WE NEED AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO HAND OUT FLYERS.
WITH THEIR FLYER BRIGADES, THE SHOW IN PASADENA IS A HIT. MANY MORE SOON FOLLOW.
THEIR SHOWS ATTRACT MANY NEW DEVOTED FANS, INCLUDING A DISC JOCKEY BY THE NAME OF...
RODNEY "KILLER B" BINGENHEIMER REMINDING YOU NOT TO MISS THE GREAT UNDERGROUND HARD ROCK BAND VAN HALEN. THEY'LL BE PLAYING AT THE ROCK CORPORATION IN VAN NUYS TONIGHT!
THEN ONE DAY IN 1976, AT L.A.'S STARWOOD, GENE SIMMONS OF KISS CATCHES THE SHOW AND IS HIGHLY IMPRESSED!
YOU GUYS REALLY KICK ASS OUT THERE. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT. LET ME PRODUCE A DEMO OF SOME OF YOUR SONGS, AND IF I CAN GET YOU SIGNED, I'LL MANAGE YOU!
YEAH! ALL RIGHT!
UNFORTUNATELY, THE DEMO, WHICH INCLUDES 'RUNNIN' WITH THE DEVIL' AND 'HOUSE OF PAIN,' IS REJECTED BY ALL THE MAJOR LABELS.
HARD ROCK IS DEAD! DISCO RULES! WHAT'S THE MATTER? DON'T YOU HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS WITH YOUR OWN BAND?
SORRY, GUYS, I DID THE BEST I COULD. HERE, YOU CAN KEEP THE DEMO TAPES, MAYBE YOU'LL GET SOME USE OUT OF THEM SOMEDAY.

VAN HALEN MOVES FORWARD UNDAUNTED. ROTH EVOLVES AS THE PRIMARY LYRICIST, WHILE OTHER MEMBERS CREATE THE MUSIC...
UH, LET'S SEE... MIGHT AS WELL JUMP. HMM. NAH!
NOW IT'S 1977, AT STARWOOD ONCE AGAIN. THE AUDIENCE IS GOING WILD.
TED TEMPLEMAN AND MO OSTIN OF WARNER ARE IN THE AUDIENCE. THEY LIKE WHAT THEY SEE... AND HEAR.
YOUR BAND IS LIVING PROOF THAT HARD ROCK N' ROLL IS NOT DEAD. I'M GOING BACK TO CONVINCE THEM TO SIGN YOU. HAVE YOU GOT A DEMO TAPE?
SURE DO!
WARNER WANTS TO SIGN VAN HALEN. THE USUAL CONTRACTUAL DIFFICULTIES ENSUE...
WE WANT TOTAL ARTISTIC CONTROL. VAN HALEN DOES NOT ANSWER TO ANYONE!
AND DON'T FORGET THE PATERNITY CLAUSE.
FEBRUARY 1978. THE SELF-TITLED ALBUM IS RELEASED.
IT WILL REACH #19 ON THE BILLBOARD ALBUM CHARTS - EXCELLENT CONSIDERING THIS IS STILL THE PEAK OF THE DISCO AGE.

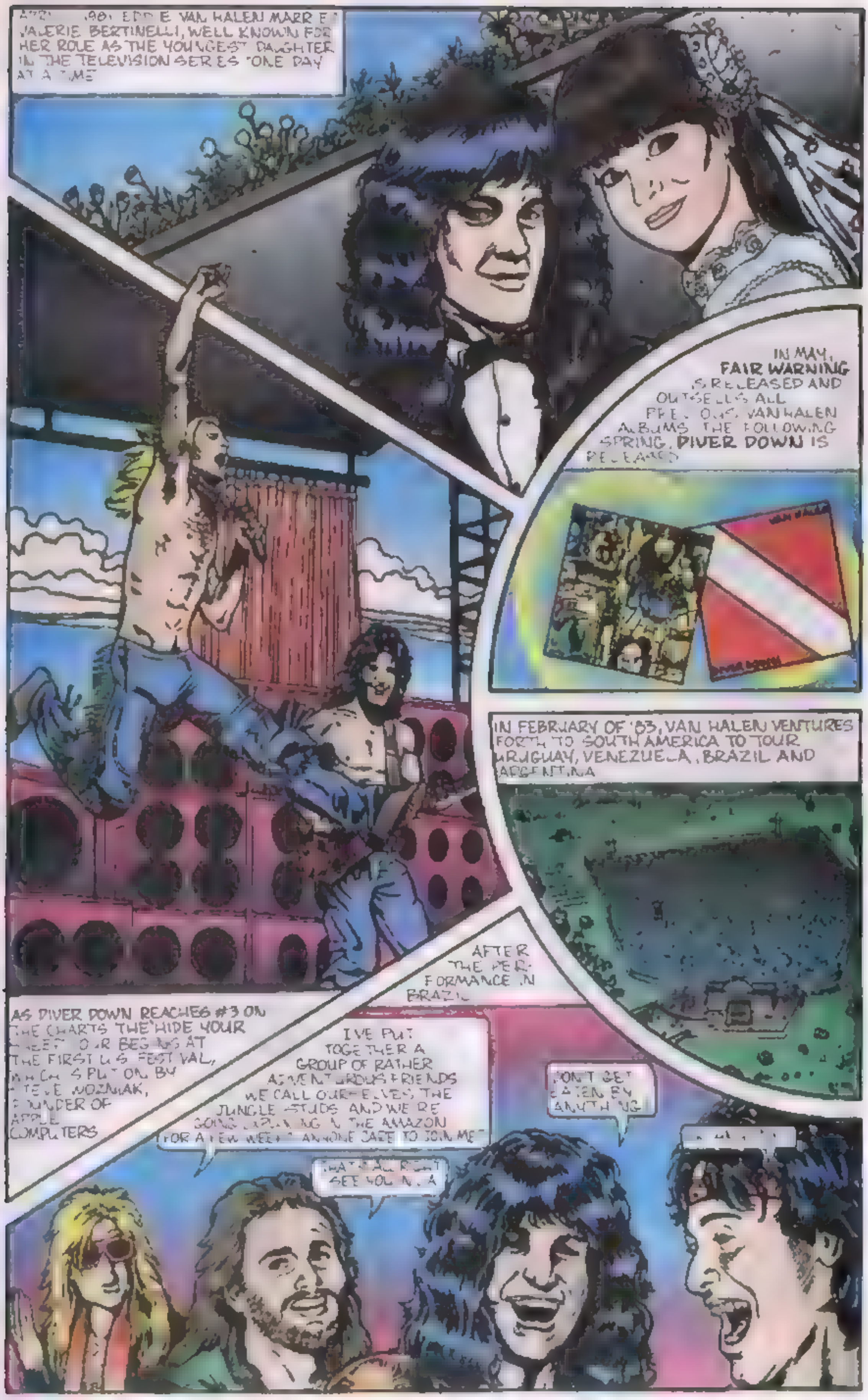
MARCH 3. VAN HALEN BEGINS ITS FIRST U.S. TOUR.
ALL RIGHT, LET'S JUST GO OVER THIS CONTRACT HERE. FIRST OF ALL, NO LIGHT BROWN M&M'S WILL BE SERVED BACKSTAGE AT ANY OF OUR SHOWS!
DAVE DEVISES HIS INFAMOUS BARRICADE SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING PROSPECTIVE AFTER-SHOW SEX PARTNERS.
ALLRIGHT, NOW, HERE'S A WALKIE-TALKIE FOR EACH OF YOU. WHEN EDWARD GOES INTO HIS SOLO, I'LL LET YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHICH YOUNG LADIES TO GIVE BACKSTAGE PASSES TO
ON TOUR, ROTH TRIES OUT HIS SYSTEM...
RED RIGHT, #16, SIX FEET BACK, RED T-SHIRT OUTASITE!
BY THE END OF THE SHOW THERE ARE HORDES OF LADIES IN THE BACKSTAGE AREA.
DAVE'S VORACIOUS SEXUAL APPETITE BECOMES LEGEND. HE ANSWERS HIS CRITICS BLUNTLY.
HEY, THEY CAN SAY WHAT THEY WANT ABOUT ME, BUT THE TRUTH IS I'M BASICALLY A FAMILY-ORIENTED KIND OF GUY.
IN FACT I'VE PERSONALLY STARTED ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE FAMILIES THIS YEAR ALONE!


ROTH'S EXTROVERTED PERFORMANCE GARNERS THE BAND PRESS COVERAGE EVERYWHERE
AS THE KINKS COVER 'YOU REALLY GOT ME' BECOMES THEIR FIRST TOP 40 HIT, VAN HALEN EMBARKS ON A TOUR OF THE U.K. SUPPORTING BLACK SABBATH
HEY OZ IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT WORKING AND PARTYING WITH YOU
LET'S JUST HOPE I MAKE IT THROUGH THE TOUR WITHOUT KILLING TONY IOMMI.
APR. 1979 VAN HALEN II IS PRODUCED IN JUST SIX DAYS AND RELEASED IT WILL SELL FIVE MILLION COPIES AND REACH #6 ON THE U.S. ALBUM CHARTS
APRIL 8 VAN HALEN BEGINS A 10 MONTH WORLD TOUR HAULING OVER 22 TONS OF EQUIPMENT ACROSS CONTINENTS
APRIL 7 THEY PLAY THE CALIFORNIA MUSIC FESTIVAL AT L.A.'S MEMORIAL COLISEUM
WE'VE BEEN READING AN AWFUL LOT ABOUT HOW VAN HALEN USES DRUGS AND HAS WILD PARTIES SO I THINK WE OUGHTA GIVE 'EM SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT. WE'RE HAVING A LITTLE PARTY AFTER THE SHOW AND YOU'RE ALL INVITED!


THEY MAKE A STOP AT THE OKLAHOMA JAM WHERE SAMMY HAGAR IS PLAYING
I JUST WANTED TO SAY I REALLY LIKED YOUR SET I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOUR CAREER EVER SINCE YOU WERE WITH RONNIE MONTROSE
HEY, IT'S REALLY GREAT OF YOU TO STOP BY I'M A FAN OF YOURS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN COLORADO IN PUEBLO
JUST NEVER ENDS! I HATE HOTELS I HATE WHAT THE FUCK IS THIS?!
IT'S A LIGHT BROWN M+M THIS IS A BLATANT VIOLATION OF OUR CONTRACT!
THE DESTRUCTION IS ENOUGH TO GET VAN HALEN PERMANENTLY BANNED FROM PUEBLO

BECOMES THEIR FIRST
I THINK THIS CALLS FOR A MAJOR CELEBRATION!
CRASH
PROVE THAT I CAN
NEED ANYONE TO
DO IT FOR ME

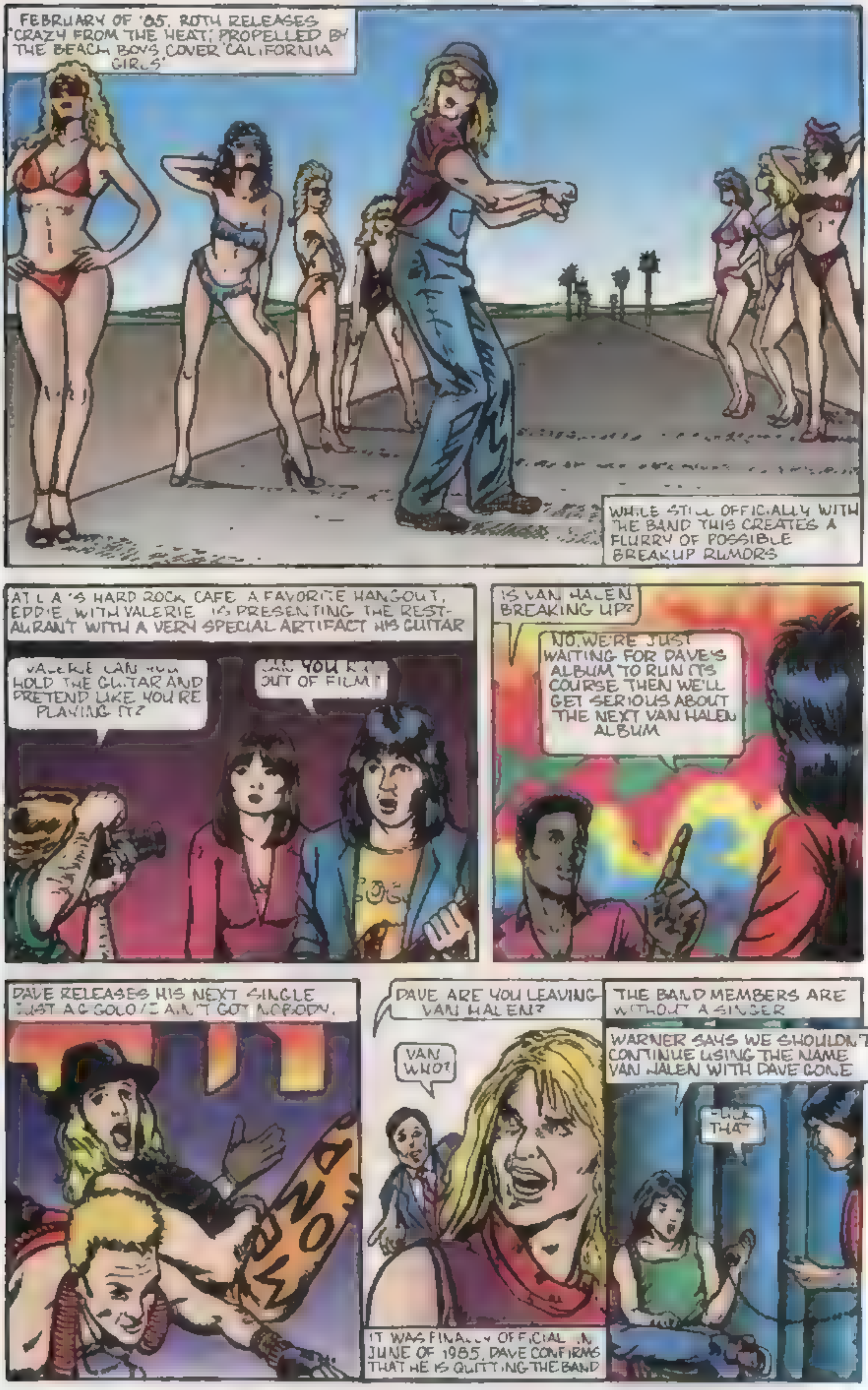
ALL YOU'RE GOING TO PROVE IS THAT YOU'RE TOO FUCKIN HIGH TO BE TRUSTED WITH SHEETS
BY NOW EDDIE IS STARTING TO GET SOME MAJOR RECOGNITION AS A GUITAR GENIUS GUITAR MAGAZINE READERS VOTE HIM BEST ROCK GUITARIST
YEAH ALL RIGHT
IN APRIL 1980 "WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST" IS RELEASED
MAY 1980, IN ITALY ... DAVID LEE ROTH BREAKS HIS NOSE DOING ONE OF HIS FAMOUS LEAPS



VALERIE BERTINELLI, WELL KNOWN FOR HER ROLE AS THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER IN THE TELEVISION SERIES "ONE DAY AT A TIME"
IN MAY, FAIR WARNING IS RELEASED AND OUTSELLS ALL PREVIOUS VAN HALEN ALBUMS. THE FOLLOWING SPRING, DIVER DOWN IS RELEASED
IN FEBRUARY OF '83, VAN HALEN VENTURES FORTH TO SOUTH AMERICA TO TOUR URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA
AS DIVER DOWN REACHES #3 ON THE CHARTS THE "HIDE YOUR SHEEP" TOUR BEGINS AT THE FIRST U.S. FESTIVAL, WHICH IS PUT ON BY STEVE WOZNIAK, FOUNDER OF APPLE COMPUTERS
AFTER THE PERFORMANCE IN BRAZIL
I'VE PUT TOGETHER A GROUP OF RATHER ADVENTUROUS FRIENDS WE CALL OURSELVES THE JUNGLE STUDS AND WE'RE GOING EXPLORING IN THE AMAZON FOR A FEW WEEKS. ANYONE CARE TO JOIN ME?
THAT'S ALL RIGHT SEE YOU
DON'T GET EATEN BY ANYTHING!

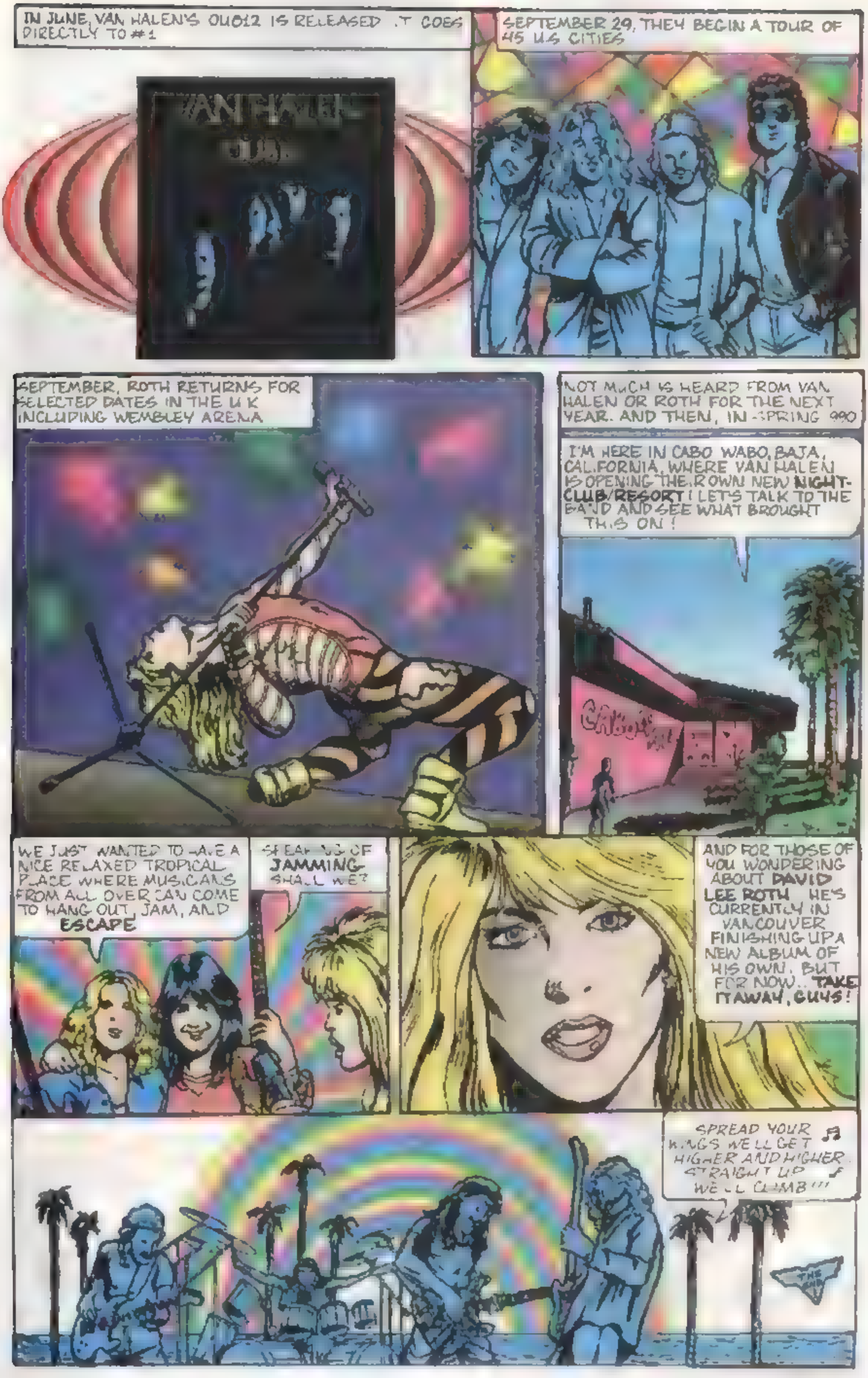
IN THE JUNGLE DAVE GETS QUITE A BIT MORE THAN HE BARGAINED FOR AS HE FALLS VICTIM TO INTESTINAL PARASITES AND AMOEBIC DYSENTERY
YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT, DAVE?
YEAH, I'LL MAKE IT. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT MY STOMACH THOUGH
THWACK
ONCE RECOVERED, DAVE TAKES TO MOUNTAIN CLIMBING. HE TRAVELS TO THE FACE OF A 5000 FOOT MOUNTAIN.
THIS
MEANWHILE EDDIE LENDS A HAND TO MICHAEL JACKSON BY ADDING A SEARING GUITAR RIFF TO THE SONG 'BEAT IT'
HEY I REALLY APPRECIATE
MAY 28, 1983 SAN BERNARDINO CALIFORNIA. THE SECOND US FESTIVAL. VAN HALEN MAKES HEADLINES BY DEMANDING AND RECEIVING $1.5 MILLION FOR A SINGLE CONCERT. THE LARGEST FEE EVER
ANYBODY WANT TO TAKE THEIR CLOTHES
THE ATTENDANCE TURNS OUT TO BE COSTS, AND THERE NO THIRD FESTIVAL
THE BAND MEETS TO DISCUSS THE NEXT ALBUM
HERE'S THE DEAL. WE'VE DONE OUR PART. WE'VE WRITTEN ALL THE MUSIC. NOW WE NEED
AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT
HEY LARRY WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS

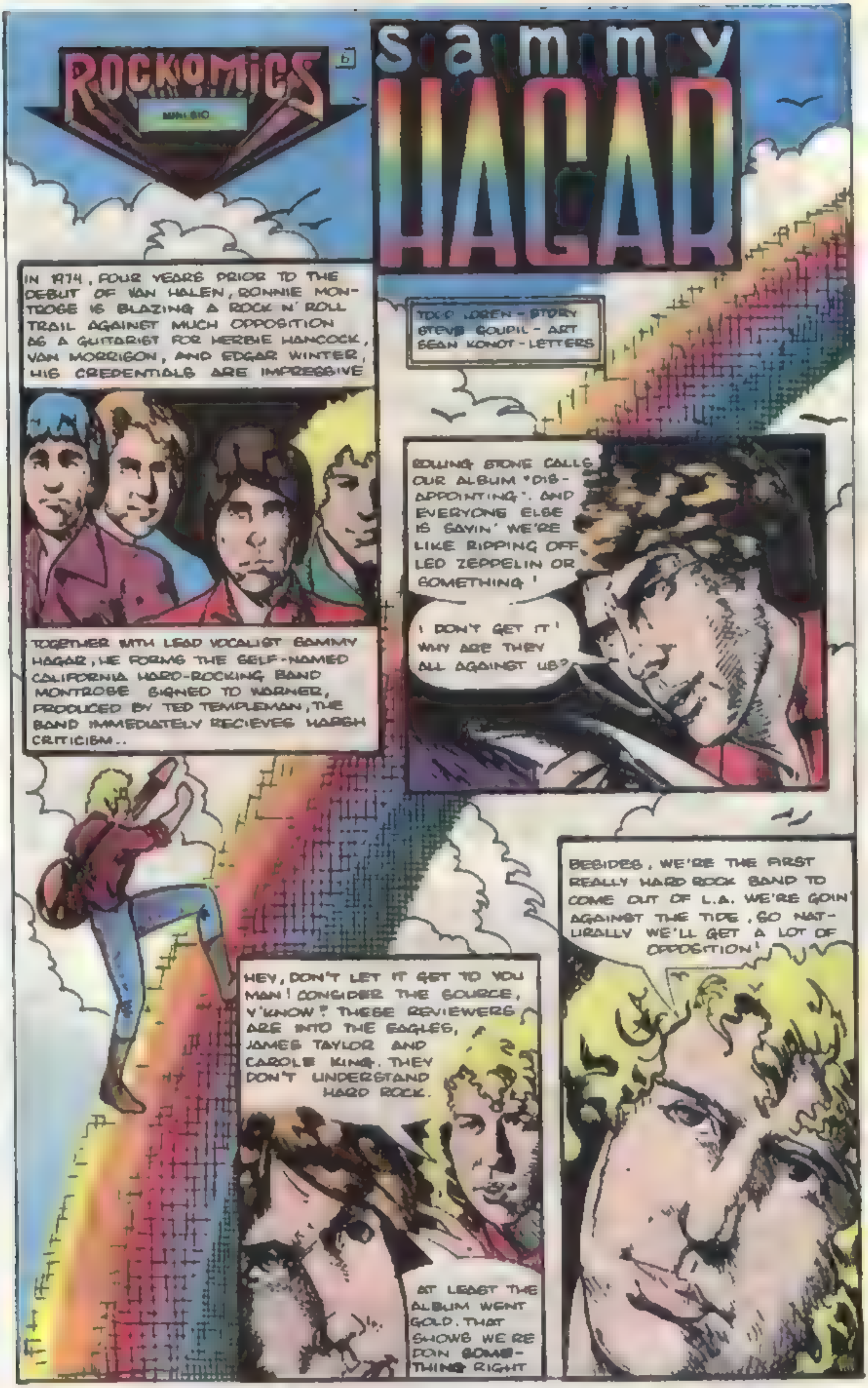
ON DECEMBER 3, 1983 '1984' IS RELEASED THE ALBUM GOES TO #2 WHILE MICHAEL JACKSON'S THRILLER SITS AT #1
VAN HALEN
'JUMP' BECOMES A MEGA-HIT, TOPPING THE SINGLES CHART FOR FIVE WEEKS THE V DEO IS SEEN CONSTANTLY ON MTV THIS PAVES THE WAY FOR A RETURN OF HARD ROCK TO MAIN-STREAM RADIO
MTV PROMOTES A "LOST WEEKEND WITH VAN HALEN" CONTEST MORE THAN A MILLION ENTRANTS RESPOND
IN AUGUST, VAN HALEN PLAYS THE
WE LOVE YA PEOPLE!
MOTLEY CRUE
RA T
BY THIS TIME, THE HEAVY METAL PHENOMENON IS STARTING TO KICK IN B G TIME. THE COMPETITION DOESN'T AFFECT VAN HALEN'S POPULARITY, RATHER IT ENHANCES THEIR POSITION AS LEADERS N MUSIC
OZZY OSBOURNE
VIDEOS FOR 'PANAMA' AND 'HOT FOR TEACHER' HELP PROLONG 1984'S POPULARITY
Hot For Teacher


FEBRUARY OF '85. ROTH RELEASES 'CRAZY FROM THE HEAT,' PROPELLED BY THE BEACH BOYS COVER 'CALIFORNIA GIRLS'
WHILE STILL OFFICIALLY WITH THE BAND THIS CREATES A FLURRY OF POSSIBLE BREAKUP RUMORS
AT L.A.'S HARD ROCK CAFE, A FAVORITE HANGOUT, EDDIE WITH VALERIE IS PRESENTING THE RESTAURANT WITH A VERY SPECIAL ARTIFACT HIS GUITAR
VALERIE CAN YOU HOLD THE GUITAR AND PRETEND LIKE YOU'RE PLAYING IT?
YOU
OUT OF FILM?
IS VAN HALEN BREAKING UP?
NO, WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR DAVE'S ALBUM TO RUN ITS COURSE THEN WE'LL GET SERIOUS ABOUT THE NEXT VAN HALEN ALBUM
DAVE RELEASES HIS NEXT SINGLE JUST A GOLO / I AIN'T GOT NOBODY.
DAVE ARE YOU LEAVING VAN HALEN?
VAN WHO?
IT WAS FINALLY OFFICIAL IN JUNE OF 1985, DAVE CONFIRMS THAT HE IS QUITTING THE BAND
THE BAND MEMBERS ARE WITHOUT A SINGER
WARNER SAYS WE SHOULDN'T CONTINUE USING THE NAME VAN HALEN WITH DAVE GONE
THAT

ONE FATEFUL DAY EDDIE GOES TO PICK UP HIS CAR FROM THE REPAIR SHOP...
SO WHAT'S GOING DOWN WITH THE BAND ED?
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE NEED A NEW SINGER
YEAH? WHY NOT GIVE SAMMY HAGAR A SHOT? HE COMES IN HERE ALL THE TIME, HE'S ALSO INTO FAST CARS HE'S A REAL GREAT GUY. YOU'D LIKE HIM. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, LET ME GIVE YOU HIS NUMBER!
ALL RIGHT!
THE NEXT DAY
IS THIS SAMMY? EDDIE VAN HALEN CALLING I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE HEARD BUT WE NEED A NEW LEAD SINGER AND I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO STOP BY
WELL UH ALL RIGHT, SURE!
THEY GET TOGETHER AND JAM
MAN THAT WAS UNBELIEVABLE!
YEAH SO YOU WANNA JOIN MY BAND OR WHAT?
HA HA
HAGAR JOINS VAN HALEN ON THE CONDITION THAT HE CAN STILL PURSUE HIS SOLO CAREER WHEN VAN HALEN IS NOT TOURING OR RECORDING. '5150' IS RELEASED AND IS THE FIRST VAN HALEN ALBUM TO GO TO #1
THE PRESS STARTS CALLING THE NEW INCARNATION "VAN HAGAR" TO DIFFERENTIATE IT FROM THE ROTH VERSION
NOW BEGINS A PERIOD OF PUBLIC BICKERING FACILITATED BY THE PRESS
THIS IS THE WAY IT IS OKAY? ROTH DID NOT MAKE VAN HALEN
VAN HALEN MADE ROTH

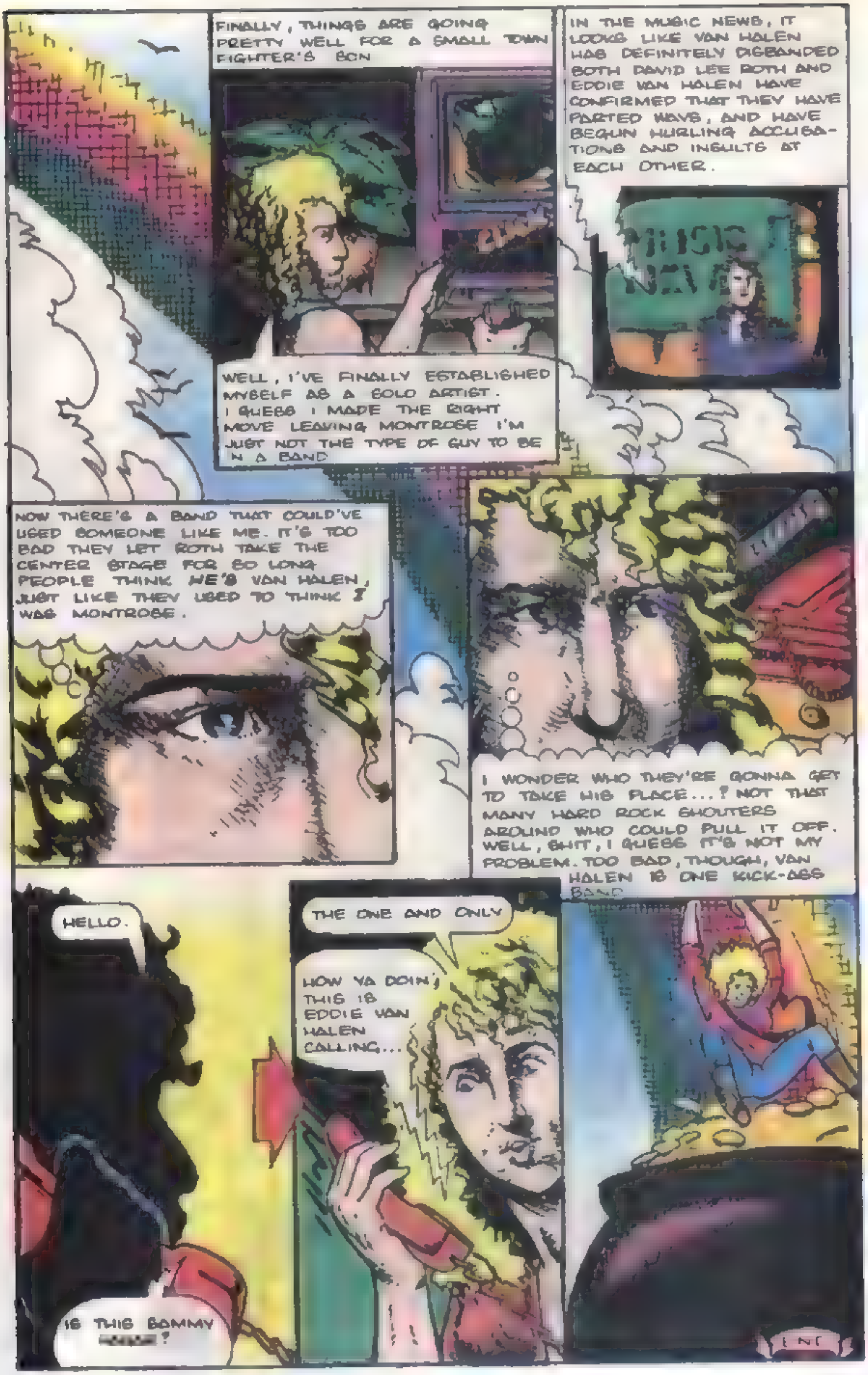
THE 5150 TOUR BEGINS
DAVE SUCKS
HA HA, HA
MEANWHILE DAVE'S MOVIE DEAL FALLS THROUGH HE RETURNS TO ROCK WITH A NEW BAND FEATURING EX-ZAPPA AXE MAN STEVE VAI
HIS FIRST ALBUM WITH THE NEW BAND **EAT 'EM AND SMILE**, GOES TO #3 ROTH BEGINS A 10 MONTH TOUR
DAVID LEE ROTH
IN JANUARY OF 1987, EDDIE BECOMES ILL WHILE VACATIONING OFF THE COAST OF AUSTRALIA HE HAS A TEMPERATURE OF 105° FROM A MOSQUITO BITE
I THINK YOU BETTER CALL A DOCTOR
ROTH'S NEXT ALBUM 'SKY SCRAPER', GOES TO #6 ON
SKYSCRAPER
MAY 27, 1988 VAN HALEN RETURNS TO THE STAGE HEADLINING THE 'MONSTERS OF ROCK' TOUR WITH METALLICA, THE SCORPIONS, DOKKEN AND KINGDOM COME
UNFORTUNATELY IT SEEMS THE DAY OF THE ALL-DAY FESTIVAL IS OVER ATTENDANCE IS VERY DISAPPOINTING THE CONCERT IS VAN HALEN'S FIRST MAJOR FAILURE


IN JUNE, VAN HALEN'S OU812 IS RELEASED. IT GOES DIRECTLY TO #1
SEPTEMBER 29, THEY BEGIN A TOUR OF 45 U.S. CITIES
SEPTEMBER, ROTH RETURNS FOR SELECTED DATES IN THE U.K. INCLUDING WEMBLEY ARENA
NOT MUCH IS HEARD FROM VAN HALEN OR ROTH FOR THE NEXT YEAR. AND THEN, IN SPRING 1990
I'M HERE IN CABO WABO, BAJA, CALIFORNIA, WHERE VAN HALEN IS OPENING THEIR OWN NEW NIGHT-CLUB/RESORT! LET'S TALK TO THE BAND AND SEE WHAT BROUGHT THIS ON!
WE JUST WANTED TO HAVE A NICE RELAXED TROPICAL PLACE WHERE MUSICIANS FROM ALL OVER CAN COME TO HANG OUT, JAM, AND ESCAPE
SPEAKING OF JAMMING SHALL WE?
AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WONDERING ABOUT DAVID LEE ROTH HE'S CURRENTLY IN VANCOUVER FINISHING UP A NEW ALBUM OF HIS OWN. BUT FOR NOW.. TAKE IT AWAY, GUYS!
SPREAD YOUR WINGS WE'LL GET HIGHER AND HIGHER STRAIGHT UP WE'LL CLIMB!!!


ROCKOMICS
SAMMY HAGAR
IN 1974, FOUR YEARS PRIOR TO THE DEBUT OF VAN HALEN, RONNIE MONTROSE IS BLAZING A ROCK N' ROLL TRAIL AGAINST MUCH OPPOSITION AS A GUITARIST FOR HERBIE HANCOCK, VAN MORRISON, AND EDGAR WINTER, HIS CREDENTIALS ARE IMPRESSIVE
TODD LOREN - STORY
STEVE GOUPIL - ART
SEAN KONOT - LETTERS
TOGETHER WITH LEAD VOCALIST SAMMY HAGAR, HE FORMS THE SELF-NAMED CALIFORNIA HARD-ROCKING BAND MONTROSE. SIGNED TO WARNER, PRODUCED BY TED TEMPLEMAN, THE BAND IMMEDIATELY RECIEVES HARSH CRITICISM..
ROLLING STONE CALLS OUR ALBUM "DIS-APPOINTING". AND EVERYONE ELSE IS SAYIN' WE'RE LIKE RIPPING OFF LED ZEPPELIN OR SOMETHING!
I DON'T GET IT! WHY ARE THEY ALL AGAINST US?
HEY, DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU MAN! CONSIDER THE SOURCE, Y'KNOW? THESE REVIEWERS ARE INTO THE EAGLES, JAMES TAYLOR AND CAROLE KING. THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND HARD ROCK.
AT LEAST THE ALBUM WENT GOLD. THAT SHOWS WE'RE DOIN SOMETHING RIGHT
BESIDES, WE'RE THE FIRST REALLY HARD ROCK BAND TO COME OUT OF L.A. WE'RE GOIN' AGAINST THE TIDE, SO NATURALLY WE'LL GET A LOT OF OPPOSITION!

AFTER THE SECOND ALBUM, HAGAR SPLITS TO EMBARK ON A SOLO CAREER.
SAMMY, IT'S NOT YOUR BAND, OKAY, IT'S MINE! IT'S CALLED MONTROSE. I'M RONNIE MONTROSE, SO WE DO THINGS MY WAY!
I THINK WE GOT A DEFINITE EGO-CLASH HERE. I'M GETTIN' MY OWN BAND. THANKS FOR THE EXPERIENCE, RONNIE.
...I'LL SEE YA AROUND.
MONTROSE SUBSEQUENTLY HIRES A NEW SINGER WHO EMULATES HAGAR'S STYLE. THEY SPLIT PERMANENTLY IN '79.
SAMMY SENDS A DEMO TAPE AROUND, AND ONE LANDS IN THE HANDS OF A SAN FRANSISCO DISC JOCKEY NAMED PHIL CHARLES, WHO CALLS CAPITOL RECORDS
THEIR OFFER
OKAY, HERE'S THE DEAL, SAMMY! SINCE WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH, WE'LL LET YOU DO TWO ALBUMS EVERY YEAR. SIGN HERE!
SOUNDS COOL...
SAMMY WORKS HARD PRODUCING SEVEN ALBUMS IN FOUR YEARS. FIVE OF THEM MAKE THE CHARTS, BUT NONE DO TERRIBLY WELL. HE TOURS NON-STOP, OPENING FOR HEART, BOSTON, AND THIN LIZZY.
HE BECOMES KNOWN FOR WEARING A RED JUMPSUIT, AND WAVING AN AMERICAN FLAG.
HE ALSO PLAYS SMALL VENUES ALL OVER AMERICA.
THROUGH ALL THIS WORK, HE SLOWLY DEVELOPS A LOYAL FOLLOWING.

THEN ONE DAY
MAN, WHERE DOES WARNER COME OFF CLONING MONTROSE? A SELF-NAMED HARD ROCK BAND FROM L.A., PRODUCED BY TEMPLEMAN, WITH A BLONDE LEAD SINGER! SHIT!
WHEN THE CAPITOL CONTRACT FINALLY EXPIRES, HAGAR SIGNS WITH GEFFEN, AND RELEASES "STANDING HAMPTON" AND "THREE LOCK BOX". BOTH GO GOLD
IN '84, SAMMY GETS TOGETHER WITH NEAL SCHON OF JOURNEY, KENNY AARONSON, AND MICHAEL SCHRIEVE FROM SANTANA FOR A ONE-TIME ALBUM CALLED HAGAR, SCHON, AARON-SON, AND SCHRIEVE.
AT FIRST, THERE IS A LOT OF HYPE, AS IF HSAS WOULD BE A "SUPER-GROUP". WHEN THEY REFUSE TO TOUR, AND SALES ARE MILD, THERE'S A BACKLASH...
I NEVER SAID HSAS WOULD BE SOME KIND OF SUPERGROUP A FEW FRIENDS GOT TOGETHER AND JAMMED, PUT OUT AN ALBUM. THAT'S IT.
LATER IN '84, VOA' IS RELEASED, GOING GOLD, AND GIVING SAMMY HIS FIRST MAJOR TELEVISION EXPOSURE ON MTV WITH THE VIDEO "I CAN'T DRIVE 55"...



FINALLY, THINGS ARE GOING PRETTY WELL FOR A SMALL TOWN FIGHTER'S SON
WELL, I'VE FINALLY ESTABLISHED MYSELF AS A SOLO ARTIST. I GUESS I MADE THE RIGHT MOVE LEAVING MONTROSE I'M JUST NOT THE TYPE OF GUY TO BE IN A BAND
IN THE MUSIC NEWS, IT LOOKS LIKE VAN HALEN HAS DEFINITELY DISBANDED BOTH DAVID LEE ROTH AND EDDIE VAN HALEN HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAVE PARTED WAYS, AND HAVE BEGUN HURLING ACCUSATIONS AND INSULTS AT EACH OTHER.
NOW THERE'S A BAND THAT COULD'VE USED SOMEONE LIKE ME. IT'S TOO BAD THEY LET ROTH TAKE THE CENTER STAGE FOR SO LONG PEOPLE THINK HE'S VAN HALEN, JUST LIKE THEY USED TO THINK I WAS MONTROSE.
I WONDER WHO THEY'RE GONNA GET TO TAKE HIS PLACE...? NOT THAT MANY HARD ROCK SHOUTERS AROUND WHO COULD PULL IT OFF. WELL, SHIT, I GUESS IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM. TOO BAD, THOUGH, VAN HALEN IS ONE KICK-ASS BAND
HELLO.
IS THIS SAMMY [redacted]?
THE ONE AND ONLY
HOW YA DOIN', THIS IS EDDIE VAN HALEN CALLING...

THIS IS A SATIRICAL STORY- NOT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY!

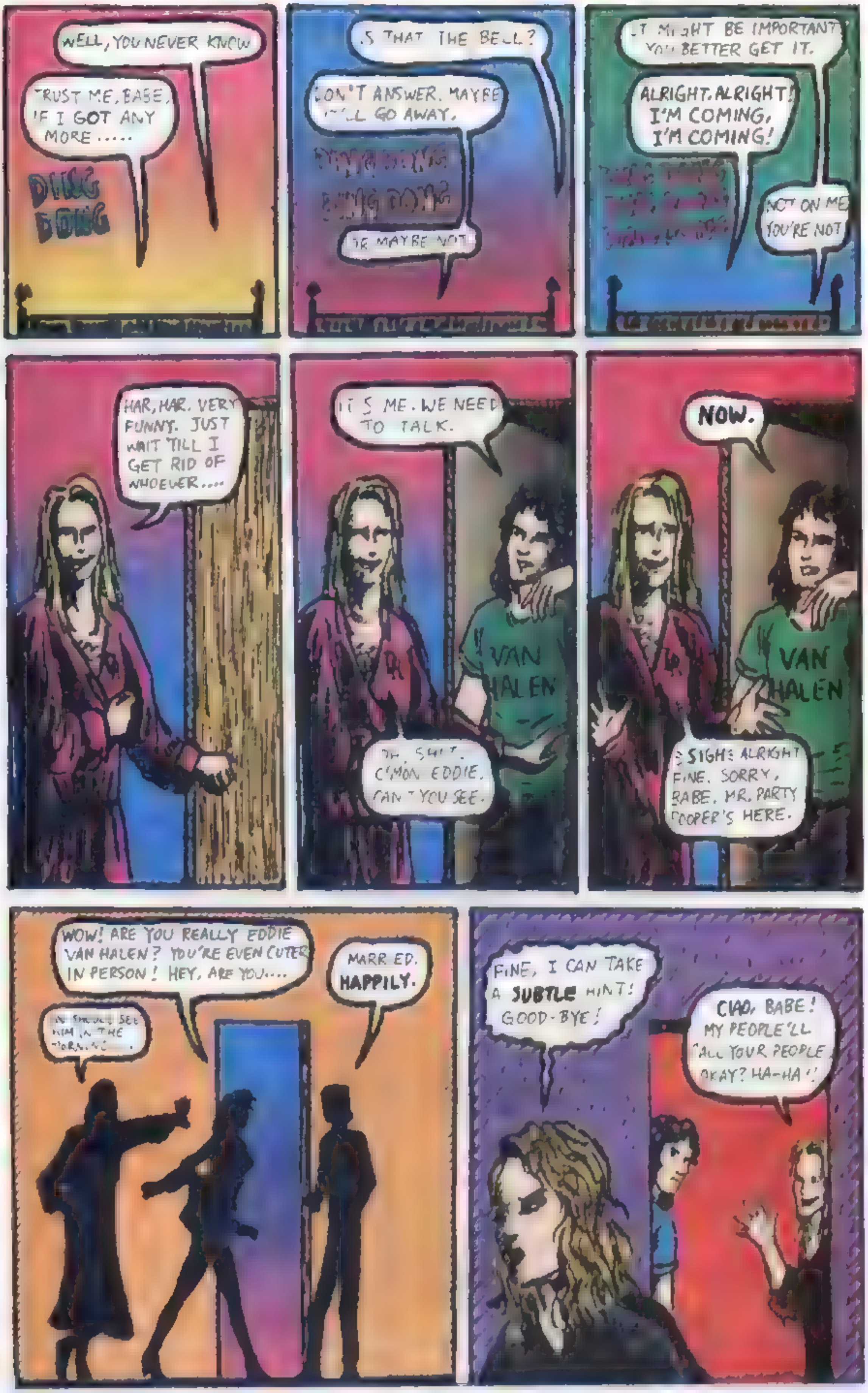
WRITTEN BY TODD LOREN ART BY KEN LANDGRAF

MARCH 1993 DAVE STARS IN "HOT WET AND JUICY" A REMAKE OF SINGING IN THE RAIN"
I'M SINGIN' IN THE RAIN, ALTHOUGH I'M VERY VAIN, THOUGH MY HAIR IS RECEDING, I'M HAPPY AGAIN
MAY 1993 VAN HARDON PUTS ON A SHOW CALLED MAMMOTHS OF ROCK A ROCK FESTIVAL FEATURING GUMS N NOSES. METALLECCHA JON BOVI SNOTLEY CRUE DEO LEPERS STROLLING BONES SLED LOW WHITEFLAKE AEROSTIFFS, ZED LEPPELIN POSIN AND VAN HARDON
NOBODY SHOWS
FEBRUARY 1994 DESPERATE FOR MONEY, AND NAGGED TO DEATH BY HIS WIFE ECCHY STARS IN THE SHORT-LIVED TELEVISION SERIES ONE DAVE AT A TIME A MIRTHFUL LOOK AT HIS EARLY DAYS WITH VAN HARDON, WITH SAMMY HAGRRA PLAYING THE PART OF DAVID LOIN CLOTH
NOW DAVE WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL DAY?
YEAH, DAVE WE'VE HAD NO ONE TO HELP US REPRIMAND THE HIRED HELP!
WELL HIRE SOMEONE TO HELP YELL AT THE HIRED HELP!
HA HA
BUT THEN WE'LL STILL NEED SOMEONE TO YELL AT *THEM*!
HA HA HA
HA
SO COME CLEAN DAVE WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
WELL ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN WITH SOME GROUPIES IN THE VAN
AND YOU DIDN'T SAVE ME ANY?
HA HA
HA HA
HA HA HA HA

DECEMBER 1993 DAVE STARS IN YOU CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC PART 2 CO-STARRING THE VILLAGE PEOPLE
YOU CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC, CAUSE IT'S TAPED AND LIP SYNCHED TOO SLICK
MARCH, 1994 VAN HARDON RELEASE THEIR NEWEST ALBUM
VAN HARDON
THEY ARE SOON INTERVIEWED...
WELL WE DECIDED TO NAME THE ALBUM
BECAUSE IT REFLECTS OUR CURRENT STATE OF MIND
APRIL, 1994 DAVE RELEASES HIS ALBUM
DAVID LOIN CLOTH
THE BEST OF FRANK SINATRA
MAY 1995 ECCHY AND HIS WIFE, VASELINE BRIGATONI BEGIN DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.
I WANT HALF OF EVERYTHING YOU OWN!
WANT HALF OF THAT TOO!

JUNE, 1995: WITH THE FAILURE OF VAN HARDON'S LAST ALBUM TO REACH NUMBER ONE, CAUSING REJOICING AT BILLBORED'S TYPESETTING DEPARTMENT, ECCHY, SAMMY AND THE TWO OTHER NON-ENTITY VAN HARDONS PONDER THEIR FUTURE
I THINK IT'S TIME TO PULL OUT MY BIG WEAPON
CAN'T YOU WAIT TIL THE GROUPIES GET HERE?
NO, YOU BLITHERING DOLT! I MEAN MY ACE IN THE HOLE. I'VE BEEN WAITING TEN YEARS FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT, AND THIS IS IT!
IT'S DAVID LOIN CLOTH! BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE MORTAL ENEMIES
OH DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! THAT WAS ALL A BIG P.R. PLOY TO INCREASE OUR COMBINED ALBUM SALES
THAT'S RIGHT, WE'RE GREAT PALS!
BUT WHAT ABOUT ME?
UH, EXCUSE ME BUT I'M WITH MANNY'S MOVERS. WE'RE HERE TO PICK-UP TWO TONS OF RED JUMPSUITS

A VAN HALEN STORY BY DEAN HSIEH
HAHAHAHAHA
....STOP IT, DAVE.
AHAHAHAHAA
REALLY? DOES THIS
UM... THE WAY... ME EVERY...
LOOK HOLDING BACK?
LAUGHS


WELL, YOU NEVER KNOW
TRUST ME, BABE, IF I GOT ANY MORE.....
DING DONG
IS THAT THE BELL?
DON'T ANSWER. MAYBE IT'LL GO AWAY.
OR MAYBE NOT
IT MIGHT BE IMPORTANT. YOU BETTER GET IT.
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT! I'M COMING, I'M COMING!
NOT ON ME YOU'RE NOT!
HAR, HAR. VERY FUNNY. JUST WAIT 'TILL I GET RID OF WHOEVER....
IT'S ME. WE NEED TO TALK.
OH SHIT. C'MON EDDIE. CAN'T YOU SEE.
NOW.
SIGH ALRIGHT FINE. SORRY, BABE. MR. PARTY POOPER'S HERE.
WOW! ARE YOU REALLY EDDIE VAN HALEN? YOU'RE EVEN CUTER IN PERSON! HEY, ARE YOU....
MARRIED. HAPPILY.
FINE, I CAN TAKE A SUBTLE HINT! GOOD-BYE!
CIAO, BABE! MY PEOPLE'LL CALL YOUR PEOPLE OKAY? HA-HA!

JUST ONE? WHAT'S THE MATTER, DAVE? CUTTING DOWN?
WELL, AFTER MUCH EXPERMENTATION I'VE FOUND THAT QUALITY BEATS QUANTITY EVERY SINGLE TIME!
KAY, MAN, LET'S CUT THE BULLSHIT, HUH? JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU CAME TO TALK ABOUT.
WELL, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO "CUT THE BULLSHIT" YOU AND I BOTH KNOW WHAT
UNLESS YOU'VE BEEN DEAF AND BLIND, YOU MUST'VE KNOWN ALL THE RUMORS: "VAN HALEN WITHOUT SINGER." "ROTH GOES SOLO!" "DAVE QUITS VAN HALEN," WHAT ME AND THE GUYS WANT.. DESERVE .TO KNOW IS ... ...ARE YOU QUITTING?
YEAH.

I.... SEE.
OH, C'MON, EDDIE! YOU KNOW HOW IT IS! IT'S TIME TO EXPAND MY HORIZONS! INSTEAD OF DAVID LEE ROTH, SINGER OF VAN HALEN, I CAN BE DAVID LEE ROTH, SINGER OF HIS BAND...
..EVEN DAVID LEE ROTH, MOVIE STAR! I REMEMBER MY DAD TELLING ME: "IT'S NOT HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME, OR IF YOU WIN OR LOSE, IT'S HOW YOU LOOK!" AND I GOTTA SAY, BOY, DO I LOOK GOOD RIGHT NOW!!
THE SKY'S THE LIMIT WHEN YOU'RE HOT! I'D BE MUCH BETTER OFF ON MY OWN, DON'T YOU SEE? YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU, EDDIE? EDDIE? DON'T YOU?
YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD A BIG EGO, DAVE. BUT WE PUT UP WITH IT
VAN
WE'VE PUT UP WITH A LOT OF YOUR SHIT. FOR WHAT?
FOR THE BAND.

NOW YOU WANT TO QUIT?! WELL, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, DAVE, THE WORLD GOES ON WITHOUT YOU, AND SO WILL THE BAND.
MAYBE ONE DAY YOU'LL REALIZE THE BAND'S NAME IS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE, VAN HALEN, NOT DAVID LEE ROTH.
SLAM!
HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
THE LAUGHS BEGIN AGAIN. THIS TIME, IT'S NOT LAUGHS OF PLEASURE. IT'S DIFFERENT
IT MIGHT BE LAUGHS OF RELIEF, OR OF PRIDE.
OR MAYBE A BIT OF REGRET OR BITTERNESS.
PERHAPS NOT EVEN HE'LL EVER KNOW FOR SURE.

STAN BACK!
BY LOREN AND NADOLSKY
WELL, LET ME HEAR YOU SAY YEAH!
I SAID: LET ME HEAR YOU SAY YEAH!
SAY YEAH- OR ELSE!
THAT'S BETTER!
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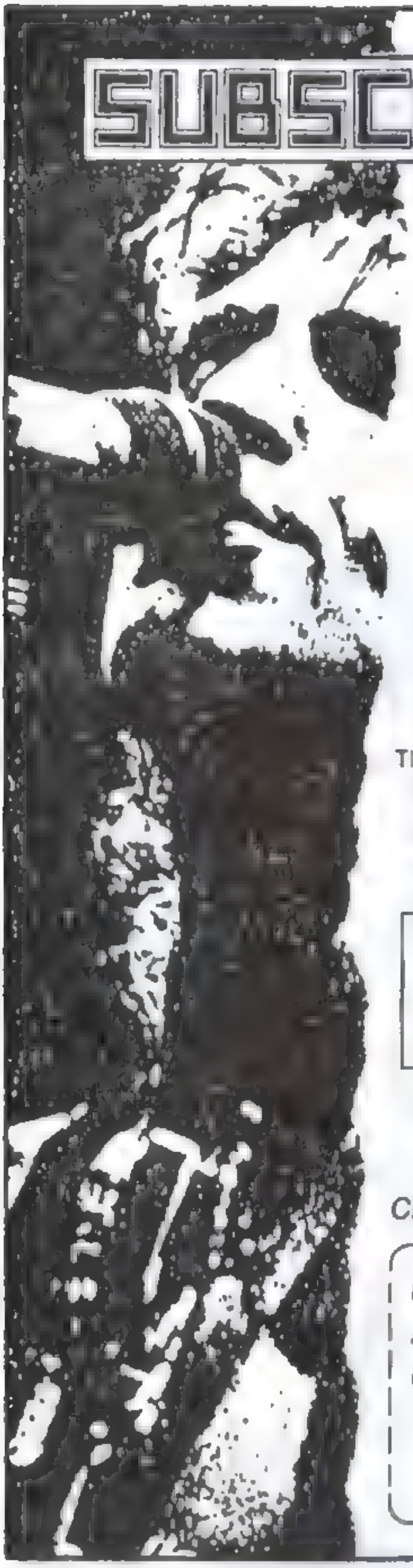

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VICTORY!

NEW KIDS DROP SUIT AGAINST REVOLUTIONARY

RECOGNISE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO PUBLISH ROCK N' ROLL COMICS

The ongoing court battle between New Kids On The Block, and Revolutionary Comics, publishers of the biographical/ satirical Rock N' Roll Comics, is over. New Kids have agreed not to pursue any further action against Revolutionary Comics, Inc., and recognised and acknowledged their right to publish biographical material in comic book form as being protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This agreement was reached Wednesday, August 22, in U.S. District Court in San Diego.

"We were prepared to go into battle, and they called off the war!", was the response of a triumphant yet relieved Todd Loren, president of Revolutionary Comics, and co-writer of Rock N' Roll Comics. " This is the first time that comic books have ever actually been defended as protected free speech. Prior to this case comic books were rarely thought of as literature. Now it has been proven that they are, and hopefully this will elevate not only the image, but also the content of comic books being published in America." Loren went on to say, "A lot of retailers were hesitant to carry our books for fear of possible legal ramifications. Now that fear should be lifted, and the books should be more readily available. Of course, those who supported us by insisting on carrying our books deserve a lot of the credit for this victory. Without their support, we couldn't have lasted as long as we did, and I'm eternally grateful to them."

Although he now clearly has the right to do so, Loren says he will not reprint the book which started all the fuss. "The New Kids issue of Rock N' Roll Comics was a mistake not from a legal standpoint, but because our readers were offended by the idea of New Kids "disgracing" the cover of an issue of Rock N' Roll Comics. I really didn't realise just how much our readers disliked them. What we should've done is a total satirical book designed for rockers who are sick of the New Kids. Hopefully , this will appease our readers who felt betrayed when we did a New Kids book. It'll be called the *New Kids Hate Book*, and should be out around November."

THE ABOVE IS THE PRESS RELEASE WHICH WE SENT OUT ONCE THE CASE WAS DROPPED. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT- YOU DID IT! YOU MADE IT HAPPEN- YOU PROTECTED YOUR RIGHTS, AND REINFORCED THE STRENGTH OF THE CONSTITUTION! CONGRATULATIONS! - AND THANKS. - TODD & THE REVOLUTIONARIES

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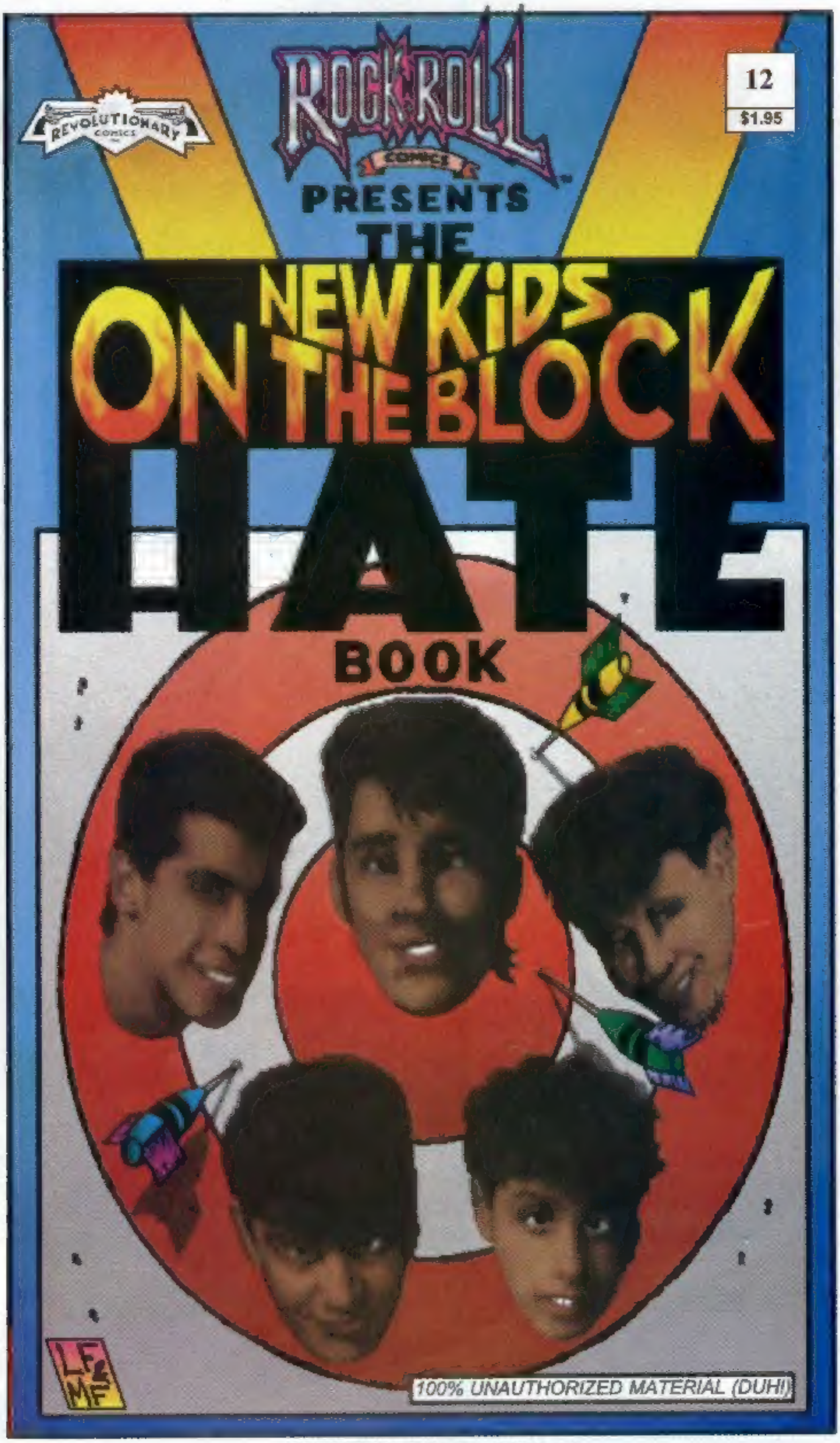

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